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Cambrian residents' fear as the August 9 deadline now looms

THE Vale Council has stepped in to re-house people from a residential park whose homes contravene a site licence, the residents' chairman has claimed.

It is the latest chapter in a long-running saga in which the residents of Cambrian Park have faced years of uncertainty as to whether they could stay in their fixed homes.

The problem is that the 2002 site licence dictates there should be six-metre gaps between the park homes, and two metres between a home and the road.

Many homes are in breach of site licence conditions, and residents have faced the prospect of pulling down extensions to their homes, or finding alternative accommodation.

The extensions often include kitchens, bathrooms and living rooms. Residents' chairman, Mr Roy Thomas, told The GEM: "In a six-week period recently, 13 people were re-housed in the Vale in Penarth, Barry and Llantwit Major."

"Some people have decided to leave, others want to stay."

"We estimate that at least 80 homes at the park are still occupied and for people who wish to remain, the stress is tremendous."

"We paid £25,000 for our home nine years ago and could end up with nothing."

"We face a deadline of August 9, at which point the site owners could take residents to court to make people remove the extensions."

Mr Thomas says he is mystified as to why the Vale Council is finding homes for people when they could relax the licence conditions which would enable people to stay, because the site managers, Maguire Holdings Ltd, would not have to enforce the existing conditions.

The GEM also understands that 16 residents of the park were registered with Cardiff Council since 2003, and seven have so far been re-housed there.

Mr Thomas said that a risk assessment officer, Mr Ian Richards, had made a presentation to interested parties at the Assembly, arguing that the site was safe and that there was no requirement for people to move.

The residents of Cambrian Park, which is near Culverhouse Cross, are being supported by the Vale's Assembly Member, Jane Hutt.

Following a meeting with Mr Thomas and the residents' legal advisor, Mr Robert Jones, Ms Hutt said: "I have supported Cambrian Park residents

over the past 10 years through thick and thin, seeking a constructive way to protect them in their homes and the close-knit community of Cambrian Park."

"We continue to press the Vale Council to amend the site licence conditions on the evidence given by the independent fire safety expert, Ian Richards, and we hope that a way forward can be found."

A Vale Council spokesman told The GEM: "The council is concerned not to compromise the health and safety of residents of Cambrian Park, by accepting a lower standard of protection against fire than that laid down in the current Model Standards and Government Guidance."

"The current site licence conditions were issued in August 2002 and were agreed with the Residents' Association at that time."

"In relation to the distance between caravans, this condition has remained unchanged from all previous site licences going back to March, 1961."

"In order to minimise the disruption to residents on the park, the conditions set a timetable for improving the minimum health and safety standards on the site over a number of years."



ROY THOMAS.

"Any enforcement action can only be taken against site owners, who are liable to prosecution for any breach of the site licence conditions."

The spokesman went on: "It is for the site licence holders to take whatever action they feel necessary to comply with the site licence conditions, which could include requiring the relocation of some homes on the site."

"The council has not stepped in to re-house residents of Cambrian Park."

"Some residents have been registered with the council's Homes4U system for some time and have been lucky in that their bids for other properties have been successful."

"Standard procedures have been followed at all times."

Maguire Holdings Ltd, the site managers, have said they would not be making a comment at this stage.

TIM CHAPMAN

FALL-OUT OVER FRIENDSHIP PACT Town councillors in spat over costs of Kinsale visit

A ROW has broken out between Barry town councillors over the costs incurred during a friendship visit by the council leader and the mayor to Kinsale in Ireland.

by TIM CHAPMAN

Kinsale is a small town on the southern coast, and during a trip there, on May 17, Barry Town Mayor, Coun Howard Hamilton, signed a friendship pact

between the two towns. He was accompanied on the visit by council leader, Coun Stuart Egan.

But on Monday, July 20, a row erupted at a

town council meeting between the leading Labour group and the opposition, when Plaid and Conservative councillors claimed there had been 'unauthorised spending' on the trip.

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Flying Vet's hunger strike

VALE 'Flying Vet' Maurice Kirk is on a protest hunger strike in Cardiff Prison, where he is remanded in custody to face two charges concerning a vintage World War 1 firearm.

His wife, Mrs Kirsty Kirk, told The GEM that her husband has been refusing food for 12 days and that she and their young daughter are "distressed and desperately worried" as Mr Kirk is 65 and in poor physical health.

She said that she had visited her aviator husband in prison and that he was "upset and frustrated" as he was anxious to make a personal appearance in court to defend himself against the charges.

In June, he was charged with unlawfully possessing a Lewis machine gun and also attempting to sell it without proper authority.

Barry magistrates granted him conditional bail, but the prosecution



MAURICE KIRK

appealed against this decision at Cardiff Crown Court and he was remanded in custody until July 6, and then again until September 1.

Before The GEM went to press yesterday, we contacted a spokesperson for the Prison Service in London who responded with this official statement:

"A prisoner at HMP Cardiff is refusing food. Guidance to prison staff on managing food refusal states that food

refusal should always be taken seriously."

"The prisoner should be helped to find constructive ways to meet his or her underlying need, for example through the application process, the Independent Monitoring Board, Request and Complaint procedure or contacting a lawyer or MP."

"A multi-disciplinary approach to managing those refusing food is encouraged, and healthcare staff should be involved at an early stage in order to assess

the prisoner's physical and mental health."

"Healthcare staff may wish to involve their local Primary Care Trust for specialist dietary advice."

A spokesperson for Vale MP, Mr John Smith said: "I can confirm that Mr Smith has made representations to the Ministry of Justice and a reply is awaited."

"I am unable to give further information as this is a confidential matter between Mr Smith and his constituent."

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WITH regard to The GEM report headlined 'Old Hall - a people agree with the sentiment that the Old Hall is a jumble of small rooms and narrow corridors.

However, it is one of Cowbridge's oldest buildings, and rather than have people pass by admiringly, there is always an invitation to come in and see what's going on.

I have always found the staff very helpful and, even when I have taken my elderly mum there for a craft day or some other event - in a wheelchair no less! - the staff have been very

accommodating and will stay with her while I look upstairs.

I find the adult educational opportunities offered by the Old Hall a great benefit to people of my age, something I would not have been aware of had I not had the opportunity to go into the building.

My visits to Cowbridge are enhanced by the fact that something is usually going on in the Old Hall!

Yes it is cramped, but long may the council give us the opportunities to go into these old buildings and not restrict access so they just become part of the facade of Cowbridge - or even more flats!

Mrs Rosemary Wheeler, Ewenny

Action on litter

YOUR recent correspondent should not despair over litter but do something about it; there is an oldish person who (until he bought a foldup bike) used to pick up litter all the time.

Disabled aids can be bought in Lidl, occasionally for £3 or £4, and plastic bags are 2p in Filco. If we all picked up the bottles and cigarette packets, maybe those who drop them would be shamed into stopping this horrible habit.

(Name and address supplied)

'Another council is not necessary'

NO need for a Rhose Community Council - we already have two paid councillors - Jeff James and Gordon Kemp.

How much would it cost to run an election, print ballot papers, pay clerks, hire a room and then pay councillors' expenses, and yet another hike in council tax?

In this economic climate, it just doesn't add up! Mrs Heveron, Rhose

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'NO NEED FOR BUSINESS PARK AT MoD ST ATHAN'

THE headlines may be that the public have, in principle, supported the Defence College (DTC) coming to MoD St Athan, but the lack of support and, more importantly, information on the Welsh Assembly Government's plans to spend our money on an Aerospace Business Park and access roads is being ignored!

This is the main reason that the developers

cannot fit the DTC 'behind the wire' on the existing campus, as the local residents believed was happening.

It is not that we have just 'woken up to the proposed DTC', it is because we are only just finding out about the enormity of the full plans.

The majority of people's concerns are related to the fact that the development is now gobbling up around 500 acres of countryside for additional housing and the proposed new access roads.

In particular, the proposed northern access road (NAR) is badly placed, will affect many residents, the environ-

ment, and will be costing taxpayers to the tune of £15million plus.

It has now been acknowledged that the existing main entrance 'West Gate', was not even considered by the WAG team until members of the public attending the various workshops objected to the NAR - and questioned why the existing West Camp entrance could not be modified.

During the recent refurbishment of the runway, the West Camp entrance proved that it could be used, and with little or no effect on local people.

Apparently, the NAR is essential for the WAG proposals for an 'enhanced ABP'. The fact is that the Welsh Assembly Government has been trying for more than nine years to create a 'centre of excellence' for the aerospace industry, first at Rhose and now at St Athan and has so far failed.

It wishes to maintain existing engineering skills from local DARA trained personnel, but unfortunately, many were on contract and have already left the

area, with few remaining!

Is this going to be another expensive white elephant, following so soon after the building of the super hangar?

Why is there such fixation with an industry that is in decline, often in trouble, is the ultimate luxury, and is such a major environmental issue?

The Welsh economy would be much better served if support was given to smaller local businesses, rather than international conglomerates which may make headline news, but will relocate abroad at a drop of a hat!

Without this speculative development of the ABP, or if plans were reduced to an achievable size, the DTC could be brought 'within the wire', building kept to brown field sites and easily serviced by the West Camp entrance.

We must act now to make WAG reconsider the Aerospace Business Park, so that the DTC can come to St Athan with the residents' support.

Ann Barnaby, St Athan

Digital GEM's a winner!

THANKS FOR The GEM's digital edition and the back issues in the archives section, which I have read twice over.

G Elston
(Former Barrian) Echt, Holland

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL AUGUST 06)

The high tides listed in The GEM are those in Barry. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Porthcawl, the high point will be 15-20 minutes earlier.

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31 Fri	02.05	12.0	14.45	11.9
01 Sat	03.19	11.8	16.07	11.8
02 Sun	04.46	11.8	17.17	12.3
03 Mon	05.55	12.3	18.19	13.0
04 Tues	06.47	13.1	18.59	13.4
05 Wed	07.29	13.5	19.48	13.7
06 Thur	08.08	13.8	20.23	13.9

Fantasy over the St Athan DTC 'university'

PEOPLE seem to take seriously John Smith MP's figure of 20,000 students per year at St Athan, though we know figures are not his strong point.

The actual figure for the planning application is a maximum of 2,500 trainees on site at any one time, doing courses from a few weeks to 18 months long.

Nothing like Cardiff University, and only a quarter of the student numbers on Glamorgan University's Treforest campus.

Another relevant figure is one million contact hours per year. Metrix is arguing for this as one of the performance indicators. If it were 20,000 students they would average 50 contact hours, far from university standard.

Metrix wants to substitute a lot of computer-based training, but the trades union has examined the proposals and is arguing for 1.5 million contact hours. Metrix's

figure for the 2,500 trainees on the St Athan site means nine contact hours each per week.

That might do for motivated students on a reading-based university course, but is two hours a day enough for those getting basic practical training?

Top staff in all three services feared that the Metrix PFI would downgrade training standards. Mr Smith's fantasy comparison with Cardiff University - instead of listening to the very real fears of the 'brass-hats' about dummed-down training - shows his quitting as MP cannot come too soon.

It's worrying that the MP fails to grasp the basic numbers that show the Technical College (one-time 'Training Academy') is no big deal.

Rather than the 'recession buster' of his publicity sheet, it's of a piece with Labour's PFI-privatisation dodges for government spending beyond our means that contributed to the recession, and now make it a clear target for cuts. Max Wallis

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Barry man's thanks to first responders



ABOVE: Mr Bill Rodd meets some of the men who saved his life – included in the picture are Bryan Foley and Maurice Carey, who were first on the scene after he collapsed.

A 74-year-old Barry man, Bill Rodd, still vividly recalls the day Ambulance Service Community First Responders (CFRs) and regular crews saved his life.

Just over a year ago, CFRs Bryan Foley and Maurice Carey responded to a message from ambulance service control to go to the assistance of a collapsed man.

Bill's wife Shirley, took Bryan and Maurice to their conservatory and they found Bill completely lifeless.

Bryan and Maurice began full CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation). With the use of a defibrillator, oxygen, bag and mask etc, they 'shocked' Bill six times before a pulse was detected.

When paramedic Kelvin and the crew Rhys and John arrived, they were able to complete the 'chain of survival' by administering advanced life support.

Mr Tony Rossetti, the officer in charge of the Community First Responder scheme, explained that

treatment given by these volunteers can give valuable, potentially lifesaving treatment before the ambulance arrives.

He said: "They even raise funds to provide much of their equipment – they are a credit to the community."

Shirley Rodd added: 'Before the responders and the crews arrived, I thought I had lost my husband, but they brought him round, it was incredible and I am so grateful.'

Emergency medical technician Rhys Harris, said: 'I'm proud to have been involved in such an incident where we were able to help in such a dramatic way.'

"I'd never have believed that we would have seen Mr Rodd walking around again, but it's really uplifting to see him and to know that he's played a part in ensuring that he's alive today."

If anyone wishes to become a Community First Responder, in any area, contact Mr Tony Rossetti on 02920 932917 or Bryan Foley on 07779 658331.

David wins a design competition with his fire-breathing dragon!

BARRY boy David Walters is set to be riding waves this summer – thanks to the Marks & Spencer surfboard design competition.

The retailer has created a range of surf-inspired clothing for children aged up to 14 years old, and, to celebrate, 50 youngsters from across the UK were offered the chance to win their own personalised, hand-shaped surfboard.

David's innovative design, featuring a fierce fire-breathing dragon was picked out from more than 1,700 entries.

A panel of judges, including a European surf champion, selected the 50 lucky winners from around the UK and Ireland and each surfer



ABOVE: David poses with his board.

has now received their own bespoke surfboard, shaped by a Newquay-based company.

David said: 'I've never surfed before but I'm really looking forward to heading down to Cornwall with my new board and having some lessons.'

"All my friends really want to get their own surfboards now, too."

"I love art, it's one of my favourite subjects at

school and I came up with my dragon design because I'm Welsh and I love dragons!"

David's art teacher at Barry Comprehensive School, Sian Phillips, added: "Art really is one of David's strengths."

"When I saw his design I thought it was very eye-catching and I'm really pleased that his efforts have been rewarded outside the classroom."

Barry indecent exposure: police appeal to public

BARRY police are hunting a man who indecently exposed himself in the early hours of

Wednesday, July 15.

A spokesman stated that two 18-year-old women were walking home along Barry Road shortly before 1am. A silver coloured Mercedes minibus with tinted side windows and blacked out rear windows passed them on a number of occasions.

After they separated, the van continued to follow one of the teenagers and the driver parked his vehicle, got out and exposed himself to the victim. Acting Sergeant Nicole Owen of Barry police said: "This is a very disturbing incident and was extremely distressing for both females concerned."

"The driver of the vehicle is described as being of Asian origin, aged in his mid to late 20s, about 5ft-7in tall and wearing and plain black baseball cap and black tracksuit-style zip up jacket."

"The silver Mercedes minibus is also distinctive with all of its side and rear windows tinted or blacked out."

"The two victims had seen the van being driven in an equally suspicious manner some three weeks previously, around the Barry Road, Tynnewydd Road and Cemetery Lane area, again in the early hours of the morning."

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Chief executive of Defence Estates commends St Athan

ADMIRAL Tim Laurence, the chief executive of MoD's Defence Estate, has awarded **Wing Commander Richard Read** his personal commendation.

The commendation recognises his leadership of the St Athan site management team serving the Welsh Assembly Government, MoD interests on site and supporting Metrix in its Defence Training College development plans.

Wing Commander Read is well known within the St Athan and Vale community, and has served as a point of contact throughout the site's difficult transformation since 2003. He will continue with his role as site director through to early 2010.

Admiral Laurence commented: 'This award recognises your role leading a unique delivery



ABOVE: Admiral Tim Laurence presents the award to Wing Commander Richard Read.

team, serving both MoD and the Welsh Assembly Government.

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Historic Barry church sends out a special invite

THERE will be a special welcome next **Wednesday (August 5)** to all who have been married or christened in the historic medieval church of **Merthyr Dyfan, Barry**.

It is also hoped that local residents with a personal or family connection to this ancient church, which is built on the oldest Christian site in Wales, will support the urgent appeal for £25,000 that will, once again, allow the church bells to ring.

The appeal aims to pay for essential repairs, new drainage system and traditional lime plastering for the interior walls to prevent damp penetration damaging the ancient church.

The appeal has the support of Vale AM Jane Hutt, Barry writer and broadcaster Professor Deirdre Beddow, Coun Rob Curtis and the schools of Ysgol Maes Dyfan and Oakfield Primary; both schools use the church as an educational resource.

Much of the present church was built in 1,250 AD, including most of the walls, the font, the base of the preaching cross and the stone altar.

Having witnessed to the Christian faith for centuries, the future of Merthyr Dyfan Church lies in the hands of the current generation.

It is hoped that everyone who would wish to ensure that this beautiful church can continue to maintain its unbroken record of Christian worship, will contribute to the appeal.

Donations to support the appeal can be sent to the Rector, Father Robert Parrish, Merthyr Dyfan Rectory, 10 Buttrills Road, Barry;

telephone (01446) 735943 or can be handed in at the morning service which is held every Sunday commencing at 8.45am.

Merthyr Dyfan Church is at the bottom of Merthyr Dyfan Lane, which can be approached on foot by walking down the lane alongside the gates of Barry Cemetery, or it can be accessed by car from Port Road Barry.

The church will be open from 2pm-4pm on August 5 and tea and coffee will be served.

There will also be a second 'Open Afternoon' held on Wednesday, September 2.

Father Robert Parrish

Fasten your safety belts – for a false alarm!

WENVOE WI NEWS

AN enjoyable members-only social evening was held at the Community Centre recently with a welcome return visit from **Viv Truran**.

Viv is one of those people to whom things just seem to happen! Booking in for a flight from Heathrow to USA, they were held up at check-in as a 12-year-old girl travelling alone kept setting off the alarm as she went through the metal detector.

Five hours into the flight, while passengers were dozing over the

Atlantic, they were rudely awakened with an announcement to fasten their safety belts as they would be making an emergency landing.

Consternation was quickly assuaged with further instructions to ignore this message.

It turned out that this same girl had wandered into the crew's section, pressed a button and set off an automatic message! This set the scene for many mirth-provoking stories.

Thanks go to Margaret Morant and Madeleine Rees for arranging refreshments. The raffle winner was Eira Jervis.

Read The Barry GEM online at:
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Tales of a 19th century eccentric

RHOOSE WI NEWS

AT the July meeting of **Rhoose WI**, **Ann Harris**, president, introduced **Mr Dean Powell**, who gave a very interesting talk on **Dr William Price**.

This eccentric man, who dressed frequently as a 19th century druid or in flamboyant outfits, believed in a system of "pay when well and then have free treatment when ill" – surely a precursor of the NHS?

He set up one of the first co-operative centres which unfortunately failed after 18 months. For a man who attended formal schooling for only three years from the age of 10, he achieved remarkable results in the medical field, as a colourful lawyer and an advocate of cremation.

This led to his arrest, when he had his five-month-old dead child cremated. However, in 1884 the Cardiff Law Courts acquitted him.

An 1850s 'hippy', he also helped lead the failed Chartist movement and had to escape to France, dressed as a woman, and had a £100 bounty on his head. In 1893, at the age of

93, he died in style with a glass of champagne in his hand. Surely one of the most exotic men in Wales, a statue was erected in his memory in Llantrisant.

After such a remarkable talk, members settled down to business: the coffee morning at Rae's home was a success; more walks were arranged; and reminders were given as to the Vale of Glamorgan Show, and dinner with Owen Money at the end of September.

Talks on 'Leeches to Daffodils' in Ystradowen on October 7-8, New Age Kurling in Bridgend on October 22, the Autumn Council meeting in Barry on October 26 and a social get-together for the five institutes of the 'Heritage Link' in St Athan on September 15 are some of the activities available.

Pamela won first prize in the Iris competition, with Margaret second.

The August 6 meeting promises to be a good evening with a 'Ploughman's Lunch' and good company in the Community Hall, Stewart Road, Rhoose.

Mike brings back memories with talk on DJ-ing

BARRY WI NEWS

THE Desert Divas entertained the branch in June and what great fun we had!

As usual all, the afternoon sessions took place during the month. Ladies visited Brynagarw Country Park for an afternoon tea and a stroll around the grounds in

glorious sunshine.

July up till now has been a very busy month. The speaker was Mike Wilcock, who gave a talk on 'My Life as a DJ in the 1960s'. This brought back a lot of memories for our members.

During July, we joined Sully Flower Club on a day trip to Devizes where a lady entertains parties of people, demonstrates flower arrangements, gives a tour around her gardens and lays on a buffet lunch, followed by afternoon tea. What a lovely day out for people!

The garden club has planted the gardens in front of the Community Hall at Highlight Park.

As usual, the afternoon meeting, keep fit, sewing circle will take place during July, but in August there will be no meetings at all.

The next meeting will be the first Tuesday afternoon in September (2pm) and the evening meeting will be on September 15 at 7.15pm. It will be a games night and buffet with a competition colour Orange.

The usual keep fit and sewing circle will take place during September.

Any member of the public is welcome at any meeting, details from the secretary on 01446 410139.

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Cadets enjoy leadership training

NEWS FROM THE 372 (BARRY) SQUADRON AIR TRAINING CORPS



ABOVE: Wing leadership course and below: on the assault course.

RECENTLY, Adam Woods, Eloise Johnson and Ryan Morse, Air Cadets from 372 (Barry) Squadron, attended the No 1 Welsh Wing leadership training course, held at MoD St Athan.

The aim of the weekend was to improve and develop the Cadets' leadership skills. The weekend was tough and challenging from start to finish.

The Cadets were taught many aspects of leadership, team working, leader responsibilities, health and safety. They tried command tasks, physical training, swimming, communication exercises at night.

The training was a mix of lectures and practical situations.

At the end of the course, the Cadets sat not only an examination, but also an interview by the course conducting officers.

Cadet Adam commented: "It was an amazing and challenging course. I was really nervous at first. However, I learnt so much which will help me to be a better leader."

The Cadets thoroughly enjoyed themselves for what was a gruelling 48 hours and learnt many useful skills in the process for later life.

They are now preparing themselves for a challenging couple of months including, flying, gliding, shooting, sport, Duke of Edinburgh expeditions and adventurous training exercises.

If you have a spirit for adventure, 372 (Barry) Squadron has vacancies for boys and girls between 13-18 years old. The squadron



parade on Mondays and Wednesdays 7pm-9.30pm, behind Adams Funeral Parlour; telephone 01446 747734, or email 372@aircadets.org for more information about joining or the Air Training Corps.

COUNCIL TO ARRANGE PICK UP OF 90-YEAR-OLD WOMAN'S DESK AFTER HEALTH & SAFETY CHECK

LAST week, a 90-year-old Barry woman who lives in a block of flats told The GEM that the council were unable to remove a desk from her premises – due to health and safety rules.

Miss Betty Jones lives in Park Road and said when she called the council to arrange a collection, she had been told to put it out on the kerb.

When she pointed out that she was 90 years old, and that carrying it downstairs was difficult, she had been told that "health and safety rules" governed the council's stance.

The Vale Council has since been in touch with The GEM to clarify its position on collections for the elderly or people with mobility problems.

Clifford Parish, the operational manager for waste management and cleansing at the council, explained: "It is normal practice for the council to collect all household bulky waste items from the kerbside of the public highway, as its refuse collection service is only insured against public liability damage on adopted highways."

"Where we have circumstances, such as

Miss Jones, then with prior arrangement and with householders' express permission, we will make collections, either from within the property or, in extreme cases, the dwelling."

"With Miss Jones' agreement, that entry to the flat would be without liability to the public purse, and we would consider providing an assisted collection."

"This is a policy that is commonplace within the Vale to provide additional assistance to our more senior citizens and those with mobility problems."

He went on: "However, Miss Jones is correct that we could only offer the collection service once we are sure that there would be no health and safety risks to our staff in complying with her request."

"Given the potential dangers of moving bulky items in possibly confined spaces, we could do nothing less."

"This would be the case whether this was a free service under our normal bulky items service, or the chargeable service offered to those who want non-household bulky items removed by the council."

Mr Parrish said the council would be in touch with Miss Jones to start the process of picking up the desk.

He said: "Therefore, in order to take this matter forward as soon as possible, we will arrange for one of our waste management staff to contact Miss Jones and make an arrangement to carry out an assessment of the risk in carrying out the collection."

"Once this has been completed, and there are

no risks to our staff, arrangements can then be made in accordance with our bulky items for Miss Jones' service request to be met."

"I offer my apologies to Miss Jones if the procedure for collecting household waste outside normal services was not clearly explained to her at the time of her service request."

BARRY ISLAND IS NOW A 'NO DRINK ZONE'!

POLICE in the Vale are reminding people that drinking in public in one of the county's designated alcohol-exclusion zones, could lead to a penalty of up to £500.

As a result of the Safer Vale initiative, more signs are being erected in the area to take in the recent increase in the number of exclusion zones in the county.

When complete, there will be 35 'Designated Public Places' throughout the Vale.

Among the latest areas to be included in the initiative is Barry Island. The Neighbourhood Policing Team is reminding people that if they drink alcohol within any

of the designated public places they will be liable, on conviction, to a £500 maximum fine.

They may also be arrested if they fail to surrender any alcohol to a police officer or police community support officer.

Barry Neighbourhood Inspector Louise Davies, said:

"Signs have now been erected in the new alcohol exclusion zones and within a day of them going up, officers have already seized a quantity of alcohol."

"While the majority of people are sensible and considerate, there are a few who gather to drink alcohol and act in an anti social manner, and these people will find the police taking a firm line."

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CCTV helps in eight arrests

THE CCTV operation, working under the umbrella of the Safer Vale Partnership, assisted with eight arrests in the week ending July 26.

CCTV contacted the police on 30 occasions with one person arrested for affray (July 20, Broad Street, Barry) and three arrested for criminal damage (July 20, Osprey Court, Barry).

One arrest took place on July 24 for theft (Holton Road, Penarth) and another was made for possession of offensive weapons and class C drugs (July 26, Windsor Road, Penarth).

On July 26, one arrest was made for public order (Windsor Road, Penarth) and another person was arrested for being drunk while in charge of a vehicle (July 26, St Paul's Avenue, Barry).

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MEMBERS FOXTROT FOR CHARITY!**Tea Dance raises £200 for Marie Curie Hospital**

This picture was taken at the presentation of a cheque for £200 by members of the committee – Shirley, Lynn and Marion (surrounded by some of the dancers) to Helen Griffiths of the hospice.

MEMBERS attending the Penarth Tea Dance Association's recent festival made a further donation to the Marie Curie Hospice. The tea dance is held every Monday, at 2pm-4.30pm, in the Paget Rooms and everyone is welcome.

GREAT TEA PARTY!

FOLLOWING the success of the Blooming Great tea party held last year in the offices of Larby Williams with Gwyn & Gwyn Solicitors, the staff have decided to hold a similar tea party this year in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Anyone who would like to support this good cause is welcome to join in the tea party on Friday, July 31, from 2.30pm-4.30pm at The Pavilion, 60 Eastgate, Cowbridge.

All the funds raised will help Marie Curie Nurses to provide free care for terminally ill people in their own homes or at one of the charity's hospices.



Norman and Bernice Davies celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary at the tea dance.

'Watch out for these cycle thieves' – owners warned

BICYCLE owners beware – there appears to be a gang of thieves in the Vale targeting good quality bikes.

Four bikes have been stolen in recent weeks, with the latest theft taking place on July 13.

Between 3pm and 4pm two Kona Heihei Supreme models,

coloured white and silver, were stolen at the Cwm George Forest, Dinas Powys.

Police have appealed for witnesses to the theft – if anyone has any information concerning the offence they should contact Police Constable Katie Butler at Penarth Police Station on 101; or they can call Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

The theft came almost two weeks after what appears to be another targeted theft in Penarth.

On July 4, two bikes – a Kona model imported from the USA and a Claude Butler Urban 300 men's bike – were stolen from a garage in Baron Road.

With many bicycles worth several hundred pounds, it seems criminals have identified them

locally as high value items that can be sold on.

PC Steve Trigg told The GEM: "We would urge people to use bike security measures when leaving a bike unattended."

"If anyone has been offered any of these bicycles for sale, or has information, we would ask them to contact Penarth Police Station on 101 or phone Crimestoppers."

THIRD TIME LUCKY?

GLAMORGAN Hunt Show is hoping that this year will be the third time lucky and that the show will go ahead after Foot and Mouth, and then bad weather in the last two years caused it to be cancelled.

The event will take place near St Nicholas at the top of Tumble Hill (off the A48), on Sunday, August 23, at 9am.

Show secretary Sarah Morris said: "It is a lovely little show, the old fashioned kind that we don't seem to have anymore. We have gymkhana, leading rein, showing, plus novelty classes – such as "best six legs" and "pony with the prettiest face"."

Schedules are available from Sarah Morris on 01656 654014 or visit www.glamorganhunt.com for further information.

'Claim for injuries'

VALE MP, John Smith, this week welcomed an announcement that thousands of coal miners suffering from osteoarthritis of the knee, sometimes referred to as 'miners' knee', will be able claim Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit.

They should go directly to Jobcentre Plus for help with their claims and avoid paying for solicitors, he said.

For more information on how to claim for the industrial injuries disablement benefit, telephone 0845 758 543.

'Don't police us from Barry' – call

POLICING of Ewenny, Ogmere by Sea, Southerndown and St Bride's Major should be carried out from Bridgend and not from Barry.

That is the view of Bridgend council leader David Unwin, who said that now the Bridgend and Vale police divisions were merging, it was a nonsense to send officers from Barry to deal with these problems.

"These villages were located in the Vale division and officers would have to come all the way from Vale stations to deal with problems," he said.

"It seems sensible to me that following the merger, the policing should be transferred to Bridgend, which is only a few minutes away. It would be crazy to keep the old system going."

Acting Supt Simon Belcher told Bridgend town council he would be raising the issue at a meeting this week.

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Schools collect awards – and help the trees grow!



VALE schools have celebrated success in the Yellow Pages Woods Challenge, run with the Woodland Trust and the Vale Council.

Yellow Pages awarded cash prizes to schools that recycled out-dated Yellow Pages directories.

St Helen's Junior School won the Gold Oak award and received £300 for recycling nine directories per pupil. They also scooped the £100 bonus prize from Yellow Pages for outstanding achievement.

Llancarfan Primary School won the Silver Birch award and £200, while St Joseph's RC Primary School came third and received £100 and the Bronze Beech award.

A total of 5,199 old directories were collected and recycled into paper and cardboard products.

For every pound given to schools, Yellow Pages donated a matching pound to the Woodland Trust.

Sue East, corporate fundraiser from the trust, said: "The money from the Yellow Woods Challenge supports our

St Helen's Junior School pupils celebrate their win in the Yellow Woods competition, with Miss Starke, Coun Tony Hampton, cabinet member for education and lifelong learning, Mrs Frayling, Coun Geoff Cox, cabinet member for visible and building services and Mrs Evans.

Tree For All campaign, which aims to plant 12 million native trees – that's one for every child in the UK."

The top six schools also won a year's free membership to the Trust's 'Nature Detectives Club' courtesy of Yellow Pages. Members receive regular educational materials to make learning about nature fun throughout the year.

Vale schools now wait to find out how their directory recycling scores compare with other schools taking part in the Yellow Woods Challenge in Wales. Recycling champions will win £1,000 from Yellow Pages.

Finalists in the Big Yellow Pages art competition will be put to a public vote in the autumn.

Rugby stars are aiming to hit the heights for lung cancer campaign

FIFTEEN former Wales rugby captains will be joined by current national coach Warren Gatland on an expedition to climb Mount Kilimanjaro on September, 6, and aim to raise £1m for the Velindre Cancer Centre Stepping Stones Appeal.

Current captain Ryan Jones joined predecessors Scott Gibbs, Paul Thorburn and Scott Quinnell at a Millennium Stadium launch of the 'Brains SA Captains' Climb' which also has a limited number of places for members of the public who can contribute a minimum of £10,000 to the appeal.

The initiative is the brainchild of national team sports photographer Huw Evans whose family has recently been affected by lung cancer - the disease for which the appeal provides research funding.

"Each of the 15 former captains will be competing to raise money for the appeal, so fans can actually sponsor their favourite captain

from recent history and it's quite a list of former rugby legends," said Jones.

"Or, even better than that, if you can raise the entrance money you could be reaching the heights of Africa alongside the likes of Gareth Thomas, Jonathan Davies, Scott Gibbs or Paul Thorburn".

The full list of international captains who have committed to the climb alongside Gibbs, Thorburn and Quinnell is: Gareth Thomas, Ieuan Evans, Mark Taylor, Mike Hall, Bleddyn Bowen, Jonathan Davies, Rob Howley, Rob Jones, Jonathan Humphreys, Bob Norster, Eddie Butler and Colin Charvis. Gatland will also have coaching company with former Scarlets legend and international Phil Davies joining the party.

The total party will number around 55, including at least one camera crew, Evans himself and the Velindre Cancer Centre's Dr Jason Lester who is leading the expedition, alongside 100 Sherpas.

"The support we have had from the whole rugby community in Wales has been astounding already, the list of

names on the trip is truly impressive and if that response is anything to go by we should reach the million pound figure with room to spare!" said Evans, whose wife Sue, a non-smoker, was diagnosed with lung cancer in November 2008 and is currently in recovery.

"It's only when you are affected by a disease like this personally that you realise it can happen to anyone of us at any time and that we need to do something more about it as a human race.

"When we told people about Sue we were overwhelmed by the response and the offers of kindness, people want

to do things to help so the next step for us was to channel that energy and begin to raise money".

Dr Lester, who has treated Evans' wife, is also amazed at the response so far.

"We are raising the profile of an area of research which gets a bad Press because people wrongly associate lung cancer with smoking, which isn't the case, this disease can and does affect people indiscriminately and we hope to achieve the survival rates that other cancers have already attained."

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Council furore over Kinsale trip costs escalates at meeting

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The opposition leader, Coun Shirley Hodges, said: "The visit of the new mayor and council leader to Kinsale came as a complete surprise to me as no announcement had been made to councillors, or to those who had attended the mayormaking at the Memorial Hall days before the trip.

"The mayor said when he was voted into office that the friendship pact would not cost the people of Barry a penny.

"A row broke out after vellum scrolls commemorating the friendship worth over £600

had been ordered prior to him making this statement."

Coun Hodges continued: "The leader and mayor eventually saw sense and 'volunteered' to meet the cost of the scrolls after I pointed out that apart from this whole event being something of a surprise, the council had no money set aside for the friendship pact.

"Why they ordered the scrolls knowing this, is beyond belief and soured what should have been something to celebrate."

Conservative councillors Janice Charles and

Tony Hampton told The GEM they were "appalled that the scrolls had been ordered at a cost of £660, along with a further £150 insurance cost."

Coun Charles claimed: "The two men begrudgingly agreed to pay half the amount back and get the rest from Kinsale, but not the insurance money. Opposition councillors were kept in the dark about the trip and the expense."

Coun Stuart Egan, the leader of Barry Town Council said he and the mayor had dug into their own pockets to fund the trip.

"The mayor, mayoress and I visited Kinsale in May to sign a friendship pact between the two towns.

"The cost of air travel and accommodation were paid for by us personally – there was no expense to the town council, as this was the commitment I gave when Barry Town Council agreed to enter into the friendship pact.

"The mayor, in his speech when elected, confirmed that he would be visiting Kinsale and that there would be no cost to the council.

"The issue was discussed at the full council meeting on July 20, because a payment had been made for the scrolls to commemorate the signing of the friendship

pact although there was no budget for this. Kinsale Town Council are paying half of this cost.

"I proposed a motion that the cost to Barry Town Council for our cost of producing the scroll should be personally paid by the mayor and myself, contributing just over £150 each. This was accepted by the council, and reiterated the commitment that both the mayor and I had given to the people of Barry.

"We are both happy to have been involved in the friendship pact with Kinsale, and are happy that a piece of history now hangs on the wall of the mayor's parlour in Barry."

Coun Egan insisted: "I would refute any suggestion that either myself or the mayor claimed any expense for the visit.

"Opposition parties also questioned the issue of insuring the chains of office.

"An explanation was given to the council that this was a cost that was justified as the mayor could be invited anywhere as part of the role, and the council would have to ensure cover was provided.

"This was accepted by all parties at the meeting," Coun Egan concluded.

Rhosee Nippers excel in ocean championships

RHOOSE
Lifeguards recently attended the annual national surf lifesaving championships for 8 to 13 year olds.

Held on the impressive beach at Aberavon, the SLSSA Wales Nipper Ocean Championships involved 14 clubs and more than 400 children from all over Wales competing for national honours.

Despite stiff competition from host club Aberavon, Rest Bay and others, Rhosee battled through to third place behind eventual winners Mumbles and second place Penybont.

The weather played its part as well, with downpours on Saturday and a big swell on Sunday which saw the cancellation of all board relays.

Team manager Andy Wall commended the children: "At times, the weather was horrendous, and the sea conditions on Sunday would even have proved challenging for senior members, but the Nippers battled on in true Rhosee spirit and I am very proud of each and every one of them.

"This fantastic result confirms Rhosee Nippers as one of the top three clubs in Wales, and consolidates our third place at the Stillwater Championship in Cardiff on St David's Day.

"I would like to thank all the children who attended for doing their

best in the challenging conditions against top class competition. Thanks must also go to the parents for supporting their children and the club and to the coaches and parents who helped with water safety and place judging, we couldn't have done it without you."

The focus for the Nippers now turns to the rest of the season with sport carnivals at Porthcawl and St Davids, among others, and the GB championships in Cornwall in August.

Overall, Rhosee obtained 10 gold, 14 silver and 13 bronze medals. Medal winners were: **Alisha Hayes** – gold in beach sprints and flags. **Oliver Wong** – bronze in beach flags.

Jessica Wadey – gold in beach flags, silver in surf race, super nipper and beach sprints, bronze in board race and beach run. **Samantha Thomas** – gold in beach run and bronze in surf race and beach flags.

Ysabelle Williams – bronze in beach run. **Sophia Strinati** – bronze in super nipper.

Kelsea Peterson – bronze in beach run. **Sam Williams** – gold in beach sprints and flags and silver in surf race and super nipper.

Laura Braggins – silver in board race and super nipper, bronze in surf race.

Ben Owen – gold in beach run, silver in surf race and super nipper.

Erin Hayes – gold in beach sprints and flags. **Oliver Wong** – bronze in beach flags.

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flags. **Rochele Davies** – silver in beach run. **Jamie Sugden** – silver in surf race and beach flags. **Kieran Knowles** – bronze in super nipper. **George Connelly** – gold in beach sprints.

In the team races, the boys gained a bronze in the taplin, while the girls achieved silver in taplin and bronze in beach relay and taplin.



ABOVE: One of the competitors at the event.

Soroptimists clean up Jackson's Bay



ABOVE:
David and Chris Alexander with Soroptimists Margaret Rees, Lynne Baker and Sue Bowyer.

MEMBERS OF Soroptimist International Barry and District were delighted when David and Chris Alexander came along to help them with the quarterly beach survey of Jackson's Bay, Barry Island.

David and Chris had contacted the Marine Conservation Society (MCS) to offer assistance and had been put in touch with the local Soroptimists who have 'adopted' Jackson's Bay. The survey is carried out four times a year, soon after high tide, and every item of rubbish collected is recorded, so that the main sources of the litter can be identified.

The MCS uses the survey results from this, and the hundreds of other surveys carried out throughout Great Britain, to tackle the sources of beach litter at a national level.

More than 42 kgs of rubbish, including pieces of portable barbecue and some metal pipes, was collected and itemised. The next survey will be on Saturday, September 19.

To find out more about Soroptimism, visit www.soroptimist-gbi.org/

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Shopping trolley, tyres swept up in beach-clean



What a load of rubbish! From left to right back row: Kerry James, Paul Bennett, Dave Davies, Helen Cornwall, Joanna Hobbs and Kate Elliott and left to right front row: Ian Roderick, Lisa Bennett and Maria Ashman.

TEAMWORK resulted in a clean sweep for the beach and river area at Ogmores-by-Sea recently, when a group of water workers got together

er with Keep Wales Tidy and Ogmores Angling Association.

Staff from Kelda Water Services, the company which manages wastewater services

across south Wales on behalf of Welsh Water, organised the clean-up, which saw a shopping trolley, a couple of dozen tyres and over 30 bin bags of rubbish being collected.

The water workers are keen to make a difference in their local communities and since the end of 2007 have dedicated over 500 hours to community projects such as this, collecting 106 bags, 10 skips and 16 tonnes of general waste.

Joanna Hobbs, Kelda Water Services community panel chair said: "This is our third visit in less than 12 months to Ogmores-by-Sea. Last year, we were here with

the Marine Conservation Society. This year, as we have developed good links with Keep Wales Tidy, we thought it would be a good idea to link up with them and local organisations such as the Vale Council and the Ogmores Angling Association.

"We want to have a positive impact on the communities and environment where we work on behalf of Welsh Water, and not only do colleagues get a sense of achievement but they also benefit from the team building.

"On this occasion, it has been a case of the more the merrier!" she added.

'People of Wales can pull through together' Tackling cases of swine flu - in the Welsh way

by DR TONY JEWELL, WALES' CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER

THERE is no doubt that the number of cases of swine flu in Wales will increase during the next few weeks, with further waves over the next year.

But we can all help to minimise the outbreak - if we pull together.

The most important message is - please don't turn up at your doctor's surgery or local hospital if you feel you have flu-like symptoms.

That only spreads the virus, perhaps infecting people at greater risk, such as young children, expectant mothers, or those with underlying health problems.

Instead, stay at home and use the phone or the internet to get advice.

You can call the swine flu information line on 0800 1 513 513 for recorded advice and the latest information.

Alternatively, visit www.nhsdirect.wales.nhs.uk or www.wales.gov.uk/health

Then, if you are still concerned, contact NHS Direct Wales on 0845 46 47 or phone your GP who can provide diagnosis over the phone and

give the advice you need.

For most people, the flu virus is proving relatively mild - so they can self-care and recover well without the need for anti-virals.

In the case of high risk groups - for example, pregnant women, children under five years old and people with heart or lung disease - contact your GP straight away: antiviral treatment is more effective if given within 48 hours.

A lot of people will have heard press and TV coverage of the National Pandemic Flu Service (NPFs) that has been launched in England, where swine flu has spread more rapidly.

In Wales we have decided to continue to

provide advice through our existing NHS Direct Wales service, which is staffed by health professionals.

Our health service staff are currently developing new arrangements to handle the increase in enquiries based on the experience of colleagues in Scotland.

If the number of cases here escalates greatly, and we face operational problems, we will have the option of plugging into the NPFs.

But at the moment, the number of cases remains comparable to seasonal winter flu, so it makes sense for us in Wales to enhance existing NHS services that people know and understand.

At home, and out and

about, we can help limit the spread of the virus by good hygiene - we need to be vigilant about using tissues, binning them and then washing our hands, that is why our message is 'Catch It, Bin It, Kill It'.

We are working hard to ensure a supply of vaccine sufficient for the whole population of Wales - but that will take some time and obviously the needs of high-risk groups have to be met first.

That is why it is crucial that during the coming months the people of Wales help the NHS and help each other - together we can pull through.

CHARITY COFFEE
THE Mayor and Mayoress of Cowbridge with Llanblethian will be holding their monthly coffee morning in aid of Breast Cancer Care on Saturday, August 1, in the Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall.

Tea/coffee and cake between 10.30am-1pm. Admission £2.

FREE FOLK

CASTLE Folk Club are getting together for their monthly gathering on August 12, at the Castle Hotel, Jewel Street, Barry, from 8.30pm.

There is an open mic policy. Singer/songwriter Davey Cartwright will perform with Geoff Peart. Admission is free. Details from Geoff Peart on 01446 402822.

DATES FOR LOCAL PACT MEETINGS:

BARUC PACT, St Francis Millennium Centre, Barry, August 1, 3pm.

RHOOSE PACT, Celtic Way Community Centre, August 4, 7.30pm.

ST BRIDES PACT, St Brides Major church hall, August 5, 6pm.

GIBBONSDOWN PACT, Communities First Office, Aberaeron Close, Barry, August 10, 2pm.

COWBRIDGE coffee and chat meeting, Bush Inn, St Hilary, August 11, 11am.

A Crime Prevention Day is being held on August 22, in Victoria Square, Penarth, from 11.30am-3.30pm.

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Llangan leavers show that they've got talent

THE year-6 pupils at Llangan Primary School celebrated their last week in the school with a 'Llangan's Got Talent' show for family, friends and fellow pupils.

The pupils will, in the main, all move on to Cowbridge Comprehensive next year, and the school's headteacher, Mary Noyes, told *The GEM*: "Year-6 really were a talented group, and they were a pleasure to teach."

"I am sure that everyone at the leaving assembly really enjoyed the performances, as the children sang, danced, did gymnastics and dressed up in fantastic costumes."

There was even a chance for a select four to impersonate a rather more famous panel from the TV!



ABOVE: The judging panel were not holding back in their opinions!



Nathan and Jack were the star dancers!



ABOVE: The show closed with everyone singing in harmony.



Penarth Computer Club - notes on computer Agony columns

THE agony columns are a great favourite of mine; not the ones from the lovelorn or those with financial difficulties, but the ones dealing with the everyday problems of computer users.

If you don't buy computer magazines or read the columns buried in newspapers, then you will have to rely on other resources.

These can be pretty thin on the ground. One way to lose a friend is to keep asking for free advice and help with your computer.

Then there are the users' guides that come with the goods. If you are like most people, the manual is a last resort - after you have tried everything that you can think of.

The information is in there, but it is hard to find because you need to understand the words they use. Eventually, you come to differentiate between 'dialog boxes', 'sliders', 'radio buttons', 'tabs' and all the other stuff.

It helps to know the jargon in order to phrase the question properly.

It also helps to present enough information with the question, so that

whoever is prepared to answer can understand what is involved.

This would include things such as the operating system you are using and the version of the software that is giving the problem, and whether you did something specific just before the problem cropped up (if you can remember).

The agony columns deal with problems that have bedevilled ordinary users and tend to be relevant for that reason.

Having read of an interesting problem and noting that there is a quite elegant solution to it, the snag is how to remember the answer.

Some time ago, I started a cuttings file to hold the ones I think might be useful at some point. It proves handy from time to time, as was demonstrated when a problem cropped up recently. (Actually, the problem was one I was creating for others.)

As a matter of form, when I sent an email with attachments to several people I sent a 'blind' copy to myself to check that everything is OK.

After making a recent adjustment to my machine, I found that it was sending the attachments, but printing them

in the main body of the e-mail as well. This is an irritation to many people and the machine had been set up long ago not to do it, so how do I do it again?

You can stop it happening in future by going to Tools>Options>Send>HTML Settings and uncheck Send pictures with messages and say Apply, which is what I did. To be sure that it was effective, I sent myself a test e-mail with an attachment. It didn't work.

I have confidence in the writer who gave the advice, so I assumed I had missed something and tried again. This time, I paid closer attention and found that there was a second place for HTML Settings and therefore two places to be unchecked.

I unchecked the second one and sent a second test message. It showed me that it still had not worked!

Sometimes a change does not take effect until the programme has been re-started, so I closed and re-started the programme and sent test message number three. Still no joy. Perhaps an agony e-mail to the column was called for.

Confidence somewhat

shaken, I decided to close down the programme and shut down computer. This was because I know that some alterations require a total re-start for things to take effect. Close down, reboot; send message number four.

It works!
The point of telling

you all this is that even when you are following expert advice, it helps to keep your wits about you.

The Penarth Computer club is on a break for summer and will re-boot on September 14. Have a good holiday.

Howard Desmond

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Penarth Festival is hailed a great success

"A cracking festival this year" – was the comment from at least one local in Penarth, following a packed 10 days of events throughout the town, which launched this year's summer break for many residents.

Months of planning and negotiation invariably go into the event by scores of volunteers, and this year proved no exception to the rule.

Among several changes for 2009 were the relocation of the Artists Exhibition to the Cliff Walk, a move that attracted the support not only of the artists themselves, but also from more than 300 visitors who signed a petition in favour of the new location for future years.

The incredible fly-past by a vintage Dakota aircraft over the sea just off the Esplanade, brought applause from the huge crowd, and the ever-popular summer parade attracted hundreds of visitors along the route.

Coun Anthony Ernest, chairman of

the summer festival organising committee, said:

"I would like to thank all those who contributed to the events over the 10-day period; but especially members of the working group and officers of the town council, who put together a complex programme of events which required a considerable number of meetings and organisational skills to stage such a successful programme."

The programming of this annual festival starts the day after it ends the previous year.

"However, throughout the winter months, much of the backbone of the programme is already being finalised by the organisers, who know how much the festival means to so many participants from Penarth – and particularly the children who take part in so many events."

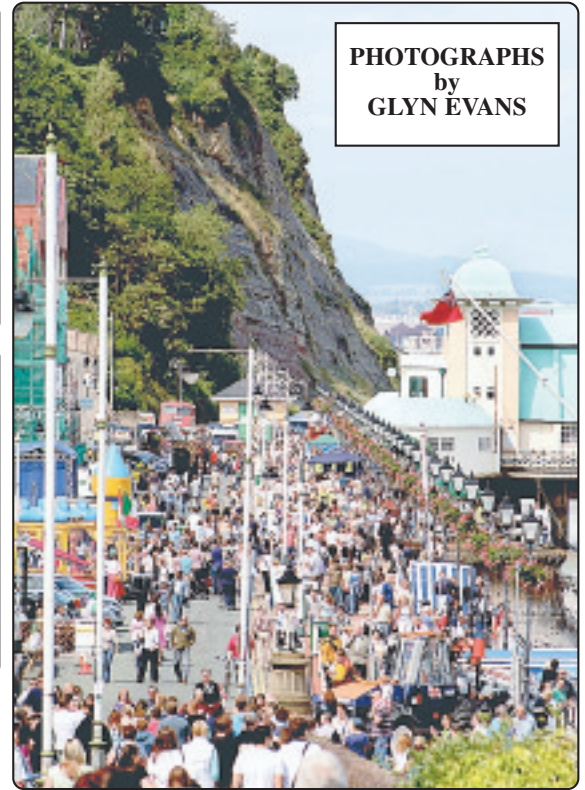
"The dates for the 2010 Festival are already in hand, while work is also under way on the Christmas festival events," Coun Ernest added.



ABOVE: These gentlemen spent most of the day searching for their pieces of eight!



ABOVE: There were plenty of fun things to do – including face painting (and meditative toe-dipping!)



PHOTOGRAPHS
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GLYN EVANS

ABOVE: The crowds flocked to the Penarth festival.



Countdown is on for the Vale of Glamorgan Show!

IT is just 20 days until the annual Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Show – and there are lots of new attractions, along with the traditional classes and competitions.

The show's general secretary, Nicola Gibson, said she was constantly amazed by the pulling power of the show which will be held this year on Wednesday, August 19.

"The people who take part in classes, or attend as visitors, are not just people from the Vale or south Wales.

"They come from as far afield as Carmarthenshire, Brecon and the West Country. We've even had an entry this year from Anglesey – I could hardly believe my eyes when I saw that!"

There will be all the usual high quality classes – for cattle, sheep, horses and dogs.

"The livestock sec-

tions are always excellent – the limousin category this year, for example, is outstanding," enthused Nicola.

And the organisers have made sure there are lots of new features to the show to excite visitors.

A total of more than 200 trade stands have already booked positions on the show field for people to browse round.

A swish, new marquee, hosting the shopping mall, will be constructed on the site.

Another marquee which will attract a lot of interest will house a beekeeping display.

People will even be able to dress up in the protective clothing to learn about worker bees!

There's a lot to keep the children amused too – the fairground, an 'I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here' style challenge, and the Petwise Zoo, a chance to meet creepy-crawlies such as spiders and snakes! There's also archery and laser-clay

fun. Apart from holding competitions, the main ring will also host some special feature events, including a rugby display from the Cardiff Blues and 'Katy Cropper's dogs and ducks'.

The gates open at 8.30am and the parade in the main ring takes place at 3pm.

The event attracts a large amount of visitors and it is expected that this year will be no exception.

While the showground itself will be marshalled by show stewards, a one-way traffic system will be in operation to ease access to and from the site.

This will be signed and coned by the Vale of Glamorgan Highways, and the Vale police will supervise traffic control to ensure there is as little congestion as possible.

Sergeant Paul Revers told THE GEM: "We want to provide a safe and secure environment for visitors, competitors

and exhibitors, enabling everyone to get into the show and leave with the minimum of delay.

"We also want to keep any inconvenience to local traffic to a minimum by preventing congestion on the roads around the site, particularly the B4265, the busiest road to the show."

All traffic approaching from the east will be directed to enter the showground from the B4465, turning left into Fommon Village.

All traffic travelling from the west will enter the showground via the main entrance (Gate 1) on the B4265. There will be no right turns at these points.

Exiting the showground east-bound traffic will turn left at Gate 1, while west-bound traffic will exit via Gate 2 (Castle Lane) onto the B4265.

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THE Palmerston Community learning centre has recently staged its annual art and craft exhibition.

Students attending adult education classes at community learning centres in the Barry area exhibited work produced throughout the year.

"The event is an annual celebration of the achievements of all the learners," explained centre manager Debbie Lewis. "It was a chance for everyone to see some of the excellent work that is produced in class."

"Many of the students were complete beginners in September but have produced some really impressive pieces."

For the first time, the exhibition was held over four days.

There were paintings, decoupage and photographs in the main hall and rooms full of pottery, glass, jewellery and cardcrafts, upholstery and even creative writing.

A sugarcraft display included decorated cakes, novelty character cakes and sprays of flowers.

The Sugarcraft students produced cakes that were sold to raise money for the Helen House hospice, recently the subject of a BBC2 documentary featuring Sugarcraft tutor Carmel Lovell, whose daughter Catriona was diagnosed with a malignant tumor at the age of 11.

Centre staff organised a raffle and tombola, which raised further funds for the charity. The textiles students produced a record number of exhibits, including



Winner of adult photo – challenge
Guy Newman.



Winner of junior photo challenge –
Chris Price.

an impressive array of patchwork quilts, cushions and table runners, along with a display of bags made from rags.

During the launch evening, winners were announced of the photo challenge competition held at Barry Library during adult learners week in May.

Competitors were given a set of clues and sent off around Barry town centre to take the most innovative photographs.

The winner of the adult competition, Guy Newman, was presented with a gift voucher. The winner of the junior competition, Chris Price, received a camera tripod.

'Transport plan enormous benefit to Vale'

IWARMLY welcome the transport improvements announced by the Deputy First Minister Ieuan Wyn Jones, which will be of enormous benefit to the Vale.

I am especially pleased with the pledge to take forward safety improvements on the A426 Five Mile Lane, which has been a problem for years.

The introduction of additional half-hourly services on the Vale of Glamorgan Line is another major boost.

With plans to build an additional platform in Barry, the national transport plan is a good overall package.

National transport infrastructure has a crucial role to play in reducing carbon emissions.

The One Wales government is investing in rail and bus networks. The Welsh government is also improving walking and cycling routes.

I know that campaigners against an airport access road scheme, who I met in the Assembly recently, will be pleased that it doesn't feature in the Minister's plan.

Instead, there will be investment in a high-quality, frequent bus service between the capital and Cardiff Airport.

It's disappointing that all these positive moves were not warmly welcomed by the MP for the Vale of Glamorgan, or by the Tories.

It just goes to show they are two sides of the same coin.

Chris Franks AM
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AIRPORT CHIEFS BACK ASSEMBLY'S RULING ON RHOOSE ACCESS ROAD

CARDIFF AIRPORT has backed the Welsh Assembly's decision not to build an airport access road, and instead target road improvements and more frequent bus and train journeys in the Vale.

An airport spokeswoman said: "With regard to the access improvements to Cardiff Airport, we broadly welcome the more pragmatic and sensible approach outlined by the Welsh Assembly and, in particular, to enhance frequency and quality of public transport options between Cardiff Airport and the city of Cardiff.

"The airport has for some time now questioned the notion of poor access to it and also whether this in itself could warrant such a significant road investment.

"Our view is that any significant infrastructural development, such as the options previously suggested, must be borne on the back of much wider economic and social benefits for and around the Vale."

The spokeswoman was anxious to stress that the proposed 'airport access road' would not have been just been to help air travellers, but the wider economy too. She explained: "Our concern throughout the road consultation

process has been that it was assumed the road was for the sole benefit of the airport - this of course was not the case.

"Perhaps it is this assumption which ultimately led to the demise of the road plans.

"If the various stakeholders had better articulated the economic benefits of the road within the Vale of Glamorgan, the public may have heard a different story."

She added: "We also welcome within the Assembly's National Transport Plan the desire to enhance international connectivity from Cardiff Airport."

Writing poetry has been a great gift in Dorothy's life

A COWBRIDGE woman has found comfort during the hard times in her life by writing poetry.

Dorothy Davies, of Tair Onen, who is now 80, is still putting pen to paper with her thoughts.

Mrs Davies has had many unhappy times, including being brought up in a children's home from the age of two to 11.

But she has enjoyed a wonderful marriage to her husband Bill, which has lasted 57 years to date.

Mrs Davies was brought up in Neath, and later Bridgend, but met her husband when she went on a day trip.

He came from Cardiff and they lived in the city for the first few years, when their two oldest children were born.

Both of these children suffered health problems and the couple were desperate for a home of their own, as they were living in rooms.

"My husband saw an advert for the Forestry Commission and the job came with a house," she recalled. "He got the job and we went to live in Brechfa near Carmarthen for three years."

Mr Davies then transferred with the commission to the Vale and the



Dorothy Davies, whose love of writing poetry has given her "huge comfort" over the years.

couple were allocated a house at Tair Onen.

"We lived in a different house at Tair Onen before moving to this one and we were able to buy it eventually when the Forestry decided they did not need so many workers. We have been at Tair Onen for 50 years," she said.

The couple had a further two children, and bringing up a family of four was a full time job for Mrs Davies.

Sadly, her eldest son

has died but she has a son and daughter living locally and one daughter in Grimsby. She also has two grand-daughters - Angharad and Eleri.

"I have written dozens of poems over the years and I have written them for people specially, or to mark special occasions," she said.

"I started writing

essays and poetry when I was still a child, but the majority have been written in more recent years."

She has collected the poems into a folder, which she has shown to a number of people, including Theda Williams in the Celtic Knot shop, Cowbridge.

"Theda has been very encouraging," she said. "I have shown her my poems and written specially for her."

One telling line in one of the poems reads: "I cannot stop myself getting older, but I can stop myself getting old."

And it is a philosophy that Mrs Davies fervently believes in.

Although she has health problems, including arthritis and osteoporosis, she remains active. She is a member of Zoar Chapel near the Aubrey Arms and also goes to St Nicholas WI.

"Poetry does not come easily to me," she said.

"But it comes when I really need to express myself."

"It's a gift which has been with me during the best and worst times of my life."



BRIDES & GROOMS

Kelly and Jason tie the knot on 'the perfect day'

ON May 29, Kelly Weavin and Jason Lewis were married at Cadoxton Methodist Church in Barry.

Following the ceremony, the newlyweds held a reception for family and friends at Cadoxton Conservative Club.

Kelly (25) and Jason (34) plan to go on honeymoon in the autumn.

Kelly told The GEM: "The weather on the day of the wedding was brilliant - it was boiling!"

"We're going to Spain for our honeymoon in October."

Kelly and Jason's daughters Jade, Porcha and Kayleigh were bridesmaids, along with their cousin Belle; while Belle's brothers, Cory and Luey, were page-boys.

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RIGHT:
Kelly and Jason.

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I AM amazed that the Labour Party has announced that only women are wanted to apply to be on its shortlist of candidates for the Vale parliamentary seat at the next general election.

As a woman, I find this extremely insulting and patronising. It appears that qualifications for the position of a Member of Parliament are simply down to a matter of gender.

In this day and age of so called equality, how can this be possible?

Don't any men out there feel it's unfair to discriminate in this way?

J Evans,
Llantwit Major

GEM footnote: What do other readers feel about Labour's women-only ruling? Is it fair or unfair? Write to The GEM, Graig House, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge CF71 7EL; or email ggem@internet-today.co.uk

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DIVERSITY, something for everyone - that was the maxim adopted by Dave Roberts, the man responsible for booking the acts for Llantwit Major's 2009 Summer Sounds festival.

Dave explained: "Terri (my wife) and I have striven to make the event as diverse as possible to cater for different musical tastes."

"The festival kicks off on the Saturday with live music at the Old White Hart - as soon as we announced we were going ahead, the landlord was in touch to say he wanted to get involved."

"One evening to note is on the Tuesday; the Ignite Band are appearing at Bethel Baptist Church. They are a Christian rock group who have performed all over the country."

"Another exciting youth event is the 'Open Mic' night at Llantwit Hall. It is being hosted by Major Music and the local skate group - there's a big cross-over in membership."

"We've decided that one talented youngster from the 'Open Mic' night will get the chance of an early slot at the Precinct the next morning!"

There are classical offerings too.

"We're really pleased that Cowbridge Amateur Operatic Society (CAOS) are back each year. It's a great testimonial for Summer Sounds that people want to return. This time CAOS' Viva to the Diva Productions is presenting 'A Night at the Opera'."

"Bridgend Male Voice Choir, which has close links to Llantwit Major, has a great repertoire and will be in St Iltyd's Church on Friday evening."

Dave is particularly enthusiastic about the Precinct event on Sunday. "It all starts at 11.30am and the final act, Big Mac's Wholly Soul Band, will take to the stage at 7pm. There will be eight or so groups, who will play for between 30 and 60 minutes."

"Neil Diamond Tribute is back again - the women of Llantwit would have strung me up if he hadn't been on the bill - he's got a fantastic voice!"

"The Amigos are making the trip up to Llantwit Major from Cornwall where they are appearing on the Saturday."

"Davy Cartwright plays on the West Country folk festival circuit and his set is a mixture of his own songs plus 'golden oldies' from the likes of the Beatles, Beach Boys, Carole King and James Taylor. "Llantwit bands to look out for are The New Druids, and The Smiths' Tribute Band."

The Precinct won't be bereft of food and drink: "There's going to be a bar, and Thai food which I can assure people is to die for!"

"We did not have one ounce of trouble last year - the people who turn up love music, a good atmosphere and socialising."

"For people who want to come from Bridgend and Barry, it's worth pointing out that it is so easy if you come by train. Just arrive in Llantwit and follow the sound of music to the Precinct."

"We couldn't do all this without the support of Filco, which has allowed us the use of the Precinct."

"Filco is also raffling a 'trolley dash', with the money going to support Summer Sounds."

Local pub says 'welcome to town'



ABOVE: Elenid Carlig, of the Old White Hart, is looking forward to welcoming people to the first event of Summer Sounds on August 8.

Ticket line

TICKET information for some of the main shows is as follows:

The launch party takes place at the Old White Hart pub on Saturday, August 8.

On Tuesday, August 11, the festival moves to Bethel Baptist Church for The Ignite Band at 7.30pm, entrance free.

On Thursday, August 13, 'A Night at the

Opera' at St Iltyd's Church 7.30pm. Tickets (£7) from 01446 793010.

The Bridgend Male Voice Choir at St Iltyd's Church, 7.30pm on Friday, August 14, (tickets are £5 or £6).

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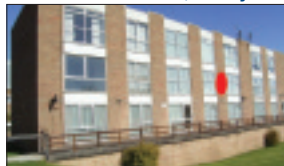
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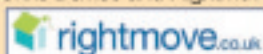


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ABOVE: Coun Cox, works manager Colin Smith, Coun Ernest, and Council Leader, Coun Gordon Kemp, display the Blue Flag at Barry Island.

WHITMORE BAY (Barry Island) and Penarth Marina have each been awarded a prestigious Blue Flag for high quality.

Tories' summer drinks success

HEAVY rain did not dampen the recent summer drinks party held at Dyffryn Springs, by Dinas Powys and Wenvoe Conservative branches.

The National Assembly was represented by Nick Bourne AM, Leader of the Conservatives group and AMs David Melding and Alun Cairns.

Mr Mike Harvey, chairman of the Wenvoe branch and Mr Andy Robertson, chairman of Dinas Powys, welcomed the 100 members.

In a brief speech, Alun Cairns commented on the "lamentable support given to troops in Afghanistan by the present government," pointing out that the Americans had 100 helicopters to our 13.

Nick Bourne AM commented on large gains made by the Conservatives in recent elections, pointing out that Dinas Powys Community Council had a Conservative chairman this year – Coun Margaret Hayley.

Vale Council leader, Coun Gordon Kemp, cabinet member for building and visible services, Coun Geoff Cox, and cabinet member for leisure and tourism, Coun Anthony Ernest, met at Whitmore Bay on June 10, to officially receive the flags from officials.

Coun Kemp said: "The international Blue Flag award scheme currently operates in more than 40 countries and acts as a guarantee that a beach or marina is one of the best in the world."

"We are delighted that both Barry and Penarth have received such global recognition; this is the first time a Vale marina has been credited, making it extra special."

SINCE first making waves with her roles in *Demolition Man* and *Speed*, Sandra Bullock has crafted a varied filmography across a multitude of genres.

Yet it is romantic comedies that have given Bullock the most success, with the likes of *Miss Congeniality*, *Two Weeks Notice* and *Forces of Nature* (to name but three) showcasing the actress' comedic ability.

Her latest film, *The Proposal*, plays in a similar vein, with Bullock as Margaret, a Canadian book publisher who is told that, due to visa issues, she must leave the country right away.

Desperate, she ropes in her assistant Andrew (Ryan Reynolds) to marry her in order to stay in the country.

Forced together, the pair travel to Andrew's hometown for a birthday. Intent on learning as much about each other as possible before they are questioned – but will this be the start of something more between the two of them...

BULLOCK'S PROPOSAL IS ALL TOO FAMILIAR SCENE!

There isn't a genre that is any more predictable than that marked 'romantic comedy'. After all, while other types of films can play with expectations and twist and turn you, the romantic comedy is all about two people who end up together at the end having learnt that they really do love each other.

It is a path that *The Proposal* makes no attempt to veer from, and while the end result is as predictable as you would imagine, thanks to some good comedic turns the film doesn't quite falter as much as you would imagine.

This is mainly thanks to the performances of both Bullock and Ryan Reynolds, who are both particularly good comedy performers and who spark the film, despite its overly predictable arc.

Bullock does a neat line in pratfalling comedy while she executes here very well and shows that she is one of the more gifted actresses in these types of films.

There is little demand performance-wise, but she carries off the role

well, and while playing a callous hard-nosed businesswoman, at least allows the faintest hint of empathy within the character to make you feel she isn't wholly beyond redemption.

As her put-upon assistant, Ryan Reynolds is hugely entertaining, charismatic with whip-fast putdowns.

The actor has followed a similar career path to Bullock, but his comedy skills are as sharp as ever here, making a perfect foil for Bullock's uptight persona.

The chemistry with the actress works well, and the pair really raise the film with their performances.

The supporting cast are all competent without stretching themselves, but the best turn comes from Betty White as Andrew's grandmother, all pithy asides and young-at-heart attitude, which raises the biggest laughs.

These three turns are wholly responsible for making the film far more entertaining than it should be.

Director Anne Fletcher is certainly at

home with this genre, having directed the similarly enjoyable-yet-slight *27 Dresses*, and delivers another competent effort here. She shoots the comedy well, bringing a few offbeat tones into what is a rather straightforward affair, with a bird of prey attack sticking out in the memory.

She also gets the pacing just right, even though the film falls into the familiar serious tones of the final act, the comedy being pared back in favour of 'emotion' that is difficult to muster given that the outcome is pretty obvious.

Similarly, the script from Pete Chiarelli, his first, accentuates the skills of Bullock and Reynolds, providing them with ample opportunities to mine the comedy, and by doing this takes the onus away from the generic conventions that seemingly must be adhered to.

It is a script that, much like the film, is rather over familiar but at the same time reasonably entertaining – although you do wish that somebody could find a way of adding a little bit of intrigue, and

SCREEN TALK



by GARETH JAMIESON

offer something different, to these types of film.

VERDICT – A comedy that is boosted by the turns of Sandra Bullock, Ryan Reynolds and Betty White, *The Proposal* smacks of the aftertaste of every other romantic film but at least offers something entertaining in lieu of its familiarity.

Pleasing, yet predictable, the performances are the main selling point, and enhance what is ultimately a run of the mill film. *Average*.

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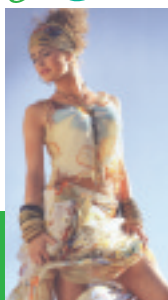
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PS: I saw it in The GEM!

What's On

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Contact Coun Chris Elmore on 07867 506116 for details.

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NSPCC garden party basks in a warm glow...

A WARM and sunny afternoon greeted the 120 people who attended the annual garden party organised by Barry Central NSPCC, on July 15, at Dyffryn Gardens.

Mrs Lesley Hughes (chairman) greeted the guests – Coun Emlyn Williams, Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan and his consort Mrs Joan Williams; Coun Howard Hamilton, Mayor of Barry and his consort Mrs Carol Hamilton; Sara Edwards, president of Cardiff branch of NSPCC; Julie George and Jo Leonard, of NSPCC Cardiff headquarters.

A vote of thanks was given by Coun Emlyn

Williams and Coun Howard Hamilton.

Sara Edwards also thanked the committee for their continuous work for NSPCC.

The next event will be a coffee morning on Saturday, August 8, at 10.30am, at Lettons House, Lettons Way, Dinas Powys.

All are welcome.

Musical illusions

LOCAL vocal group Allegro are hosting a 'One Night Only' cabaret evening, featuring guest illusionist Ali Cook on Saturday, August 8, in Maesteg Town Hall at 7.30pm.

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Ancient church issues 'welcome back' invite

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The church will be open from 2pm-4pm and there will also be a second 'open afternoon' on September 2.

It is hoped all those with a personal, or family connection to the church, believed to be built on the oldest Christian site in Wales, will support the appeal for £25,000 that will allow the church bells to ring out again, and pay for essential repairs, a new drainage system and traditional lime plastering for the interior walls to prevent damp penetration damaging the ancient church.

The appeal has the support of Vale AM Jane Hutt, Barry writer and broadcaster Professor Deirdre Beddow, Coun Rob Curtis of the Vale Council, and Ysgol Maes Dyfan and Oakfield Primary. Both schools use the church as an educational resource.

Much of the present church was built in 1,250 AD, including most of the walls, the font, the base of the preaching cross and the stone altar.

Donations to support the appeal can be sent to the Rector, Father Robert Parrish, Merthyr Dyfan Rectory, 10 Buttrills Road, Barry. (Telephone 01446 735943) or can be handed in at the morning service

which is held every Sunday commencing at 8.45am.

Merthyr Dyfan Church is at the bottom of Merthyr Dyfan Lane, which can be approached on foot by walking down the lane alongside the gates of Barry Cemetery or accessed by car from Port Road Barry.

Owen is on the money opening Marie Curie fete

ON August 1, the Marie Curie hospice annual garden party and fete will take place in Penarth.

Local band, 'Ray Thompson and his Carbon Footprints of Rhythm', will be providing entertainment and there will be the usual face painting, raffle and bargain stalls!

It will be opened at 12.30pm by Owen Money and admission is £1 for adults and 50p for children.

Claire Notman, community fundraiser, said: "We are very grateful to Owen Money for championing the garden party this year."

"We hope that with his added support and, (of course) that of the local community, we will raise even more

funds for the Penarth hospice.

"This fun-filled family event is suitable for everyone, so come along and enjoy a relaxing afternoon overlooking the sea while raising funds for a fantastic cause."

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Cottrell Park captains host their special day

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Sandra Collin
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Margaret Thomas,
the ladies captain.



CAPTAINS' Day at Cottrell Park on Saturday, July 11, was a success in spite of the inclement weather.

The members who played in the morning enjoyed the best of the day, while those out in the afternoon were unlucky and got a soaking.

The captains, Mark Burnham and Margaret Thomas, greeted the members in the halfway

house and refreshments were provided – which were appreciated by all.

The men's individual Stableford winner was Martin Jones with 43 points, 2nd Don Hillcoat 42 points, and 3rd Bart

Haines 40 points.

Nearest the pin was John Cashman, and longest drive was Rhodri Jones.

The junior prize was won by Keiron Harman with 41 points.

The ladies individual prize was won by Sandra Collin, with 39 points (decided on the back nine) from Margaret James. Third was Helen Little with 37 points.

Nearest the pin was Louise Case, and the longest drive was by Sandra Collin.

In the evening, more than a 100 members enjoyed entertainment and a hog roast hosted by both captains.

Following the meal, there was the presentation of the trophies and prize giving.

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IAN GADD'S Barry Athletic First XI travelled to Machen, where the Stags had to win to keep their promotion hopes alive.

The pitch was bowler friendly so there were no surprises when Ian Gadd, won the toss and chose to bowl.

The Barry bowling attack continued their good form as wickets were falling at regular intervals. Machen never looked as if they could control the game and, with the likes of John Gee (10-1-40-3), Peter Hellyar (14-1-51-3), Steve Jones (15-2-61-2) and Nathan Baker (11-2-32-1), the Machen batsmen continued to struggle and stumbled over the line at 189-9 from their 50 overs.

In reply, Barry had to hit 190 runs at a run rate of 3.8.

After the mid-session interval, Barry immediately got to work chasing down the target. The opening batsmen, Dewi Evans and Lee Morgan, looked to get Barry off to the best possible start as they walked out to the middle.

However, that wasn't the case as quick wickets fell at the early stage of the innings. Dewi Evans, Anjan Ganapathy and Nathan Baker all went for ducks.

The Stags were struggling mid way through the innings.

The fifth wicket partnership between Lee Morgan and Andrew Buckland was a vital one. They took the game to Machen and swung the game back in Barry's favour. Runs were coming from everywhere as both batsmen reached their 50s.

The 139-run partnership between the batsmen brought Barry to the brink of victory, but it was brought to an end after a mix-up between the batsmen, resulting in Buckland being run out for a well-earned 58.

Lee Morgan was the rock in the Stag innings and hit the winning runs, leading Barry to a five-wicket win over Machen, finishing on 192-5 with four overs to spare.

The Stags took 19 points back to the Barry Oval and, for the first time in a number of weeks, Barry move out of the bottom two and now have an outside chance of making the promotion places.

GOOD WIN FOR SECONDS
MARTIN BAKER'S Barry Athletic Second XI played host to former premier league side, Miskin Manor.

Mascot Wesley Baker was present for the toss before the match got under way.

The wicket was slightly green with a touch of moisture so there were no questions asked when Martin Baker won the toss and elected to field first.

The Barry bowlers immediately got to work from the first ball and put all the pressure on Miskin, who were stuck on 26 runs from 10 overs. However, while there were no wickets on the board, there was always going to be that chance of Miskin coming back into the match. This was until the bowling partnership of Sam Johnson and Ashley Baker.

Both bowlers took charge of the game for Barry and swung the game in their favour. Johnson finished with 3-38 and Baker with 2-39, helping restrict Miskin to 185-6 from their allocated 50 overs.

The Barry Athletic innings began and opening batsmen, Damon Leake and Owain Davies set off to the middle to get the Stags off to a good start.

This was sadly not the case as Barry lost wickets at regular intervals, with Damon Leake (13), Craig Thomas (13), Billy Usswald (five) and Gareth Dixon (0) all back in the pavilion, with the score at 85-4 from 19 overs. After that, the Stags never looked back.

Three badly-needed partnerships were formed and with the help of batsmen, Owain Davies (49), Peter Davies (41 not out) and Martin Baker (27), the Stags recorded their third win in five games, winning by three wickets with eight balls to spare.

With this result, Barry won 17 points and Miskin Manor won six. This meant that Barry Athletic move out of the relegation places for the first time this season and are now looking to climb up the table. Miskin stay in fifth place but have now lost ground on the leaders.

MIDWEEK XI WIN DERBY
BARRY Athletic Midweek XI entertained neighbourly rivals, Barry Wanderers at the Barry Oval.

On a fine and sunny Wednesday evening, Barry Athletic skipper, Ian Gadd, won the toss and chose to bowl first.

The innings started in incredible fashion. In the first three overs, Barry Wanderers lost four wickets, all taken by Mitchell Taylor-Moore. The fast bowling all-rounder capped a scintillating performance by taking 4-9 from his four overs, including a triple wicket maiden.

The rest of the bowling attack, which included

Callum Twomey, Sam Eastman, Simon Phillips and Sam Johnson, tore the Wanderers apart and restricted them to only 78-9 from 20 overs.

After a quick interval, Barry Athletic opening batsmen, Ashley Baker and Ben Eastman, took to the crease. With only 79 runs to get from 20 overs, this should be easy pickings for the Stags.

This was indeed the case as both batsmen settled immediately to the batting conditions.

The Wanderers failed to cope with the batting ability of the young duo. The Wanderers were battered all over the place by Baker and Eastman, including a shot by Baker that almost resulted in a nasty accident, but for a pair of sunglasses.

The game was as good as won before the only wicket of the innings arrived. Ashley Baker was bowled for a quick-fire 37, after playing across a straight delivery. New batsman, Sam Johnson, continued the onslaught and helped to win the game for Barry Athletic. Eastman finished on 27 not out and Johnson finished on 12 not out.

The Stags won by nine wickets, with five overs to spare – a very good all round display by the team.

Cottrell Park Golf Club Ladies Day

A TOTAL of 78 ladies played a four-ball, better-ball competition at Cottrell Park Ladies open day on July 16.

The winning team of Faith Crookes (CP) and Di Burlington (Royal Porthcawl) were clear winners with 45 points; second were Eleri Smith-Jones and Annette Campbell (Radyr) with 41 points (decided on the back nine) from Denise Lloyd and Jane Lott (St Andrews Major).

Faith Crookes had an excellent day, also winning nearest the pin on both the 8th and the 15th holes.

The longest drive was won by Joanne Radcliffe (Pennard). Seven ladies had birdies on the par threes and received golf balls.

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WHO WANTS TO BUILD WHAT AND WHERE IN THE VALE?

Mrs Nicola Thompson, **Sycarth, Victoria Park Road, Barry** – two-storey side extension to property, providing garage and additional bedroom. Enlarge existing single storey rear extension. Mr Christopher Roach, Tregwynt, Glan-y-Mor House, Wick – barn adjacent to Glan-y-Mor House. Alteration to roof finish (application 2008/02459/FUL for holiday accommodation).

Mr and Mrs Jenkins, **23 Norris Close, Penarth** – conservatory to rear of property. Mr Bob Matthews, **R Matthews Construction Ltd, Leckwith Bridge Industrial Estate, Leckwith** – retrospective application for use of yard as demolition and construction yard (including on site storage of associated materials together with the retention of a single storey office block).

Mr K Harries, **land south of Green Down, near Llancarfan** – erection of stable block. Mr Christopher Salisbury, **12 Cwrt Ty Mawr, Penarth** – single storey lounge extension. Mr R Evans, **48 Glyndwr Avenue, St Athan** – new dwelling. Mr S Martin, **8 Heol Eryr Mor, Barry**

Island, Barry – new entrance porch and conservatory to rear elevation. Mr Howard Cox, **23 Hollywood Close, Highlight Park, Barry** – removal of existing sectional garage and construction of detached garage. Mr C Ferriday, **180 Colcot Road, Barry** – two-storey side extensions to existing dwelling. Mr David Mills, **Garfield House, Heol-y-Mynydd, Southerndown** – replacement and extension of building to include stables and implement store. Penllyn Estate, Penllyn Estate Farm, **Existing agricultural building, situated 300m to the west of Llwynhelig Farm, Cowbridge** – removal of condition 1 of approval 2008/01504/FUL to allow the composting plant to remain indefinitely. **Agricultural land to the north of Cowbridge by-pass and to the west of Llwynhelig Farm, Cowbridge** – removal of condition 1 of approved 2008/01606/FUL to allow the waste composting plant to be retained for an indefinite period of time. Parochial Church, **All Saints Parish Hall, Victoria Square,**

Penarth – alteration of the existing kitchen to provide disabled WC facilities and a smaller storage area. Alterations of the large existing store to provide a kitchen with servery facilities into the main hall and alteration of the inoperative WC into a dry food store. Reinstatement of the external access to the gallery by opening up the blocked door. Mr Michael Chapman, **3 Downs View, Aberthorn** – two-storey extension to the side of dwelling with single storey extension to rear. Mr Elwyn Kerslake – **117 Court Road, Barry** – proposed change of use of retail unit (redundant) to single residential unit (flat). Mr M Bin-Sufyan – **3 Vere Street, Barry** – alteration of planning condition number 4 (0501437/FUL). New hours to be 10am-11.30pm Monday to Saturday and 10am-10.30pm Sundays. Mrs Cheryl Andrews – **6 Dunraven Close, Dinas Powys** – double storey extension and single storey extension to rear. Mr Andrew Thomas – **land adjacent to River View, East Aberthorn** – proposed detached garage and store room. Mr Manji Kerai – **8 Handel Close, Penarth**

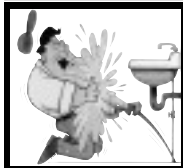
– demolition of detached garage and rear porch, new single storey side and rear extension. Evenlode Primary School – **Evenlode Primary School, Evenlode Avenue** – erection of single storey extension to boys' toilet. Mr David Griffiths – **9 Lon-yr-Eglwys, St Brides Major** – privacy screen to flat roof to form balcony. Mr Mark Davies – **Ben's Barbers 2, 2A The Square, Rectory Drive, St Athan** – change of use of property from D1 (non-residential institution) to A1 (shop). Mr Patrick Stanton – **46 Fairfield Road, Penarth** – extensions and alterations to dwelling, including gable and dormer extension to roof. Mr Jonathan Bird – **Dyffryn Springs, Home Farm, Dyffryn** – temporary permission for a period of 36 months for the erection of a marquee for the months of May to September in any calendar year. Mr George Moore – **Waverley Care Centre, 122-124 Plymouth Road, Penarth** – construction of a new conservatory area to the rear of the Waverley Care Centre. Mr Michael Cochlin – **63 Redlands Road, Penarth** – replacement detached garage to rear of property. Mr Raymond Goodman – **83 Queens Road, Penarth** – single storey extension to provide disabled facilities. Philip Latham – **1 Heol**

Ty Mawr, Pendoylan – fell ash. Mr M Zeraschi – **57 Pontypridd Road, Barry** – application to regularise unauthorised works further to approved plans 04/01330/FUL. Mr Anthony Neill – **90 Colcot Road, Barry** – proposed rear extension and roof alterations. Mr Lee Grindlay – **3 Thompson Street, Barry** – change of use from retail unit to tattoo studio. Mr Paul Baker – **125 Stanwell Road, Penarth** – proposed single storey extension to rear of property. Mr Michael Camilleri – **Llangoedmor, 10 Marine Parade, Penarth** – erection of a single storey detached garage. Mr Graham Sharkey – **Barkways Cottage, The Downs, St Nicholas** – addition of boundary screen fence with brick piers above an existing brick faced boundary retaining wall. Mr Dennis Palmer – **Northcliff Farm, Dyffryn, St Nicholas** – construction of farm office and staff building. Mr Wadih Nasrallah – **14 Westbourne Road, Penarth** – take down and rebuild the external walls of the Coach House to implement planning permission 2008/01387/FUL. Mr Mark Frost – **18 Upper Comeston Farm, Penarth** – single storey rear extension to dining room. Vale of Glamorgan County Council – **The**

County Library, King Square, Barry – 1. Signage mounted flush on glazing of entrance elevation; 2. New sign suspended with existing glazed lantern on building. Bayside Ltd – **Cambrian Marina Boatyard and adjoining land, Watkiss Way** – hotel (including conference suite, gym, spa, restaurants and bars), residential, retail, office and food and drink units, parking and service areas, new access, public realm and new river edge revetment (Cardiff reference 08/02191/C). Mrs Dwyer – **17 Laburnum Way, Dinas Powys** – fell oak in rear garden. Messrs Peter and Michael O'Leary – **Victoria Inn, Singingstone, Cowbridge** – extend existing planning permission to convert first floor to four en-suite letting rooms and ground floor extension – renewal of the approval application 04/01001/FUL. R Robson – **5 Trepit Road, Wick** – single storey extension to rear and single storey extension to front of property plus addition of detached garage. Mr Julian Morgan – **3 Ivy Cottage, Rhose Road, Rhose** – conservatory. Mr Ronny Crawley – **1 Old Port Harris, Wenvoe** – erection of a pigeon loft (retrospective consent). Newydd Housing Association – **site of former St Luke's**

Church, Elfed Avenue, Penarth – erection of four dwellings and associated works. Mr N Arnold – **land off Park Road (site of former community hall), Garden Suburb, Barry** – construction of one detached dwelling with detached garage. Mrs Rosina Gentile – **6 Perclose, Dinas Powys** – proposed garage conversion. Mr Andrew Morris – **Yew Tree Cottage, West Aberthaw** – erection of two stables, tack room and hay storage barn. Mr and Mrs Mason – **1 Heol-y-Coed, Llantwit Major** – installation of uPVC conservatory to rear elevation. Mr and Mrs P and J Thomas – **Lydmore Farm, Dyffryn** – single storey building for use as stables, tack room and storage to replace existing outbuildings. Ms Sharon Glyde – **Merriewinds, Groesfaen Road, Peterston Super Ely** – erection of balcony at first floor level to rear elevation of property. Mr Roger Mundy – **rear of 24 Bassett Road, Sully** – erection of two semi-detached dormer bungalows with associated parking. Mrs Andrea Robson – **Tresaith, Church Street, Llyswoyney** – erection of summerhouse at rear of garden. Mr Nigel Harris – **Great House (Ty Mawr), A48, Bonvilston** – demolition of northern stone boundry wall, creation of new highway access into rebuilt and relocated

stone boundary wall and creation of car parking hardstanding. Mrs Susan Haigh – **4 Stradling Close, Cowbridge** – single storey extension and loft conversion to include new and enlarged dormers to the front and rear elevations. Mr S Watkins – **37 Althorp Drive, Penarth** – demolition of existing single storey structure and rebuild new. Mr Michael Goodfellow – **Parish Hall, Britway Road, Dinas Powys** – replace severely rotten wooden window in rear of Parish Hall with new hardwood window in Georgian style to match the front of the building; replace severely rotten wooden door and above window at rear of Parish Hall with hardwood replacement to match and locks to comply with insurance requirements. Mrs Emma Parker – **10 Harriet Street, Cogan, Penarth** – change of use from day nursery (D1) to Ballet Studio (D2). Mr W Cheshire – **134 Holton Road, Barry** – proposed conversion of vacant shop into café. Governing Body of the St David's Church in Wales School – **St David's Church in Wales School, Colwinston** – proposed conservatory to classroom year-1 for experimental play area. Mr and Mrs Rees – **4 Raisdale Gardens, Penarth** – fell Lime tree.



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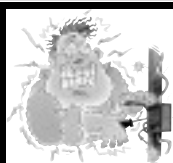
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BARRY CENTRAL TURN THE BOWLING TIDE

AFTER several weeks of defeats, Barry Central entertained Rhoebe Bowling Club in a Munro Cup game and managed to win by 12-2, with the Central bowlers winning on three rinks to one.

The results were as follows: Rink one: G Thomas 22, B Ewer 14; Rink two: H Spencer 19, L Parsons (Jnr) 18; Rink three: J Bratcher 11, A Ball 15; Rink four: E Hudd 23, E Morris 7.

The victory over Rhoebe by 75-54 gave the Central team a great incentive to challenge their next opponents.

Central looked forward to entertaining the league leaders Senghenydd at Gladstone Gardens.

Alan Davies and John Jones proved to be the best of the home rinks.

Alan's rink found themselves equal on shots after 10 ends, but after the 12th end Alan's rink surged forward to win by eight shots.

John Jones' rink proved to be too good

for the opposition and after 14 ends were winning by 12 shots, with the opposition unable to gain any advantage.

The other two rinks did not fare as well as the others. Ted Hudd's rink had a tough time and found themselves behind after 14 ends.

After the 15th end, the visitors picked up 11 shots without reply to win by nine shots.

Dave Roach's rink had a torrid afternoon. Scores were level pegging after 10 ends, but the opposition gained eight shots on consec-

utive ends, resulting in Dave's rink salvaging a deficit of a couple of shots.

By scoring five shots on the last three ends, this was enough to reduce the deficit to two shots.

The results were as follows: Rink one: D Roach (capt) 17, K Carter 19; Rink two: A Davies 22, D Pritchard 14; Rink three: E Hudd 15, K Davies 24; Rink four: J Jones 27, G Cross 13.

The overall result was a victory for the home side by 81-70 which will, hopefully, secure their position in Division Three.

The club now look forward to the challenge of facing Llantwit Major on Saturday, and also playing on Wednesday of next week in the Munro Cup - it will be interesting who gets the upper hand prior to next Saturday.

As part of the club's centenary year, members look forward to the visit on Monday next of the president of the Welsh Bowling Association.

Members are looking forward to extending their hospitality to the players who will attend and assure them of a cordial welcome, and particularly to the president himself.

Maximum points for Athletic bowlers

SKIP Milton Eskins helped steer Barry Athletic's PG2 squad to victory with another top rink performance at Barry Plastics, Sully on Saturday.

Milton's line-up of young lead Steve McKernan, club stalwart Ron Glaves and Ivor Stevenson earned a 27-17 win that lifted Athletic to an overall 74-69 triumph - and 10 points.

The previous week, the same rink had registered a runaway score against Pontyclun in a

thrilling match at the Island, giving the Athletic a one-shot match win.

The four bowlers produced consistent form throughout at Sully.

Gareth Humphreys skipped the other winning rink (18-10) that featured Derek Coombs, captain Eric Booker and Bill Summerell.

This weekend, the PG1 team travel to Ely Valley, while the PG2 side entertain Llanbradach.

On Sunday morning, the annual Ron Thomas Open Pairs Competition gets underway at the

Island in what is a popular week-long event.

Scores: PG2 at BP Sully - S McKernan, R Glaves, I Stevenson, M Eskins 27 - K Tucker, D Goodman, M Morgan, E Roberts 17.

D Coombs, E Booker, W Summerell, G Humphreys 18 - J Mulcock, B Hogg, G Trickett, G Williamson 10.

A Pidduck, J Jupp, B Turner, D Newman 16 - P Robbins, W Hayward, A Goddard, P Jenkins 20. A Thomas, P Clarke, G Thomas, A Minterm 13 - B Curtis, D Dyer, V Messer, D Clayton 22.

COWBRIDGE BOWLS CLUB NEWS

ONLY two games were played last week, both ending in defeats for Cowbridge Bowling Club.

First the ladies, in their league match away to Llantwit Major, lost 33-63.

With only May Jones' rink of Lynda Wilson, Pat Houldsworth and Janet Legg winning, 17-9, Joan Bradley's rink, lost 8-25, and Judy Springett's rink lost 8-29.

The men didn't fare any better, in their away fixture at Taffs Well, losing 50-98.

Roger Barwick again winning on the last end for two valuable points, with the help of Ron Frayling, John Trott and Mike Bradley. Score: 18-16.

The other three rinks all lost badly: Brian Kent's rink 9-27; David Jones' rink 14-22 and Byron Richards' rink 9-33.

NJW

Clampdown on anti-social cars on Waterfront

NEIGHBOURHOOD Police officers in the Castletand area of Barry are targeting drivers who use their vehicles in an anti-social manner - particularly in the Waterfront area.

It was highlighted as a PACT priority by Castletand residents who highlighted concerns over so-called 'max Power' rallies and the resulting litter and other anti-social issues.

Police report that in the first three days of the campaign, four illegal vehicles were

seized and a further 15 issued with defect warnings.

Two people were arrested and a further 13 issued with Anti Social Behaviour referrals. Eight people have been issued with £75 Fixed Penalties for littering.

Acting Sergeant Stuart Wong said: "The operation will run through the summer and is designed to stamp out the continuing anti social behaviour in the waterfront area of the town."

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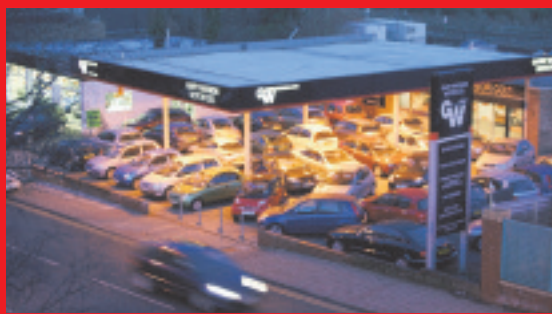


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55 FIAT Stilo 1.4 16v Active Sport 3-dr. Finished in met black, alloys, a/c, radio, cd, 43k £4195
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53 VOLKSWAGEN Golf 1.9 GT TDI (Diesel) 5-dr. Finished in met silver, alloys, a/c, cd, 67k £6295
03 MINI 1.6 Cooper. Finished in met blue, alloys, a/c, cd, multichanger, 46k £6995
52 MERCEDES ML 270 CDI (Diesel) Auto 5-dr. Finished in black with 1/2 black leather trim, alloys, a/c, radio/cd, family pack, 7 seats, fsh, 85k £4995
52 PEUGEOT 206 GTI 2.0 3-dr. Finished in china blue met, leather/suede interior, pas, alloys, climate, cd £3995
51 RENAULT Clio 172 Sport. Finished in black with leather suede trim, alloys, a/c, radio/cd, 64k £3795
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53 RENAULT Clio 1.2 Dynamique 3-dr. Finished in red, pas, c/l, e/w, cd, 35k £4995
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Barry YMCA gymnasts excel at championships



ABOVE from left to right:
Welsh under-12 team champions Catrin Megan Davies, Megan Brown,
Nia Fenn, and Chelsea Slack.

THE 2009 Welsh Gymnastics Agility Championships were held recently at the Welsh Institute of Sport, Cardiff.

Ten teams of gymnastic clubs competed on a team and individual basis, performing the tumble discipline from the over-14 to the under-10 categories age group.

Barry YMCA sent a strong team of 30 competitors in the level two under-12 competition – Megan Brown from Llantwit Major, together with Chelsea Slack, Nia Fenn and Catrin Megan Davies – who won individual bronze.

There was also success for other team members of the Barry YMCA, who also competed to a high standard. Well done to all gymnasts and coaches.

ROMILLY'S A SIDE WINS AT MURCH

BARRY Romilly Bowls Club A side made the short trip to Dinas Powys for their Saturday fixture against the Murch Bowling Club.

It was a good day for a bowls match and our neighbours made us most welcome, sending us home with 12 points.

Bob Wyatt's rink of B Cheal, C Davies and A Burge won by the highest margin on the day, and led from start to finish with a solid performance to win the rink by 32-15.

Bryn Gough's rink of P Hoad, R Smallcombe and K Westgate had a slow start and were chasing their opponents for the first 14 ends with the scores at 12-13. At this stage something changed, and Romilly woke up.

It could have been Dennis Baker, the Murch spokesman running out of words or

something in the lemonade, but whatever it was, it got the Romilly boys going – they went on to score 17 shots on the last seven ends and won the rink 29-15.

Alf Woolcock's rink of A Bumford, D Ford

and G Rees led from start to finish, although their opponents were never far behind, it was a close game and Romilly secured the 19-14 win.

Vince McFarland's rink of A Jones, D Bannister and P

Gershenson took an early lead which included a big six on the 11th end. However, scoring became more difficult as the Murch boys upped their game and soared ahead to win the rink by 18-24.

RH

Seaview Lads pray for better weather

FISHING during July has been as inconsistent as the weather.

On the Seaview Lads' annual venture to Weymouth, where few fish were landed, Jodie was on his own – at least from the shore – while we took the honours on the boat with birdman Bailey overall winner.

The members returned from Weymouth in anticipation of some proper fishing.

Sadly, the rays seem

to have left (not just the sun's rays!) and we have been left scratching for fish.

Mike Langford is the in-form man of the moment with two firsts and a second over the past three matches while Gary Morgan has managed two podium places, one relying upon a three fish, nine ounce haul!

The Velda also managed to wheedle a second place out, while Liam McDonald adds his name to the leader board.

The annual coach trip

looms so we pray for better weather - it cannot really get any worse!

RESULTS

July 10: First, M Langford.

July 12: First, L McDonald; second, M Langford; third, D Stilman; fourth, A Jones; fifth, G Morgan.

July 19: First, M Langford; second, J Velda; third, G Morgan; fourth, C McKinnery; fifth, P Coles; sixth, T Gwyther.

Record entry for Cottrell Park seniors open day

THE sun shone on Cottrell Park on Wednesday, July 15, as a record 302 senior golfers from all over Wales and beyond entered what has become Wales' largest open event for those aged 55 and above.

Such was the demand for places in the competition, which is organised and hosted by the Cottrell Park Seniors Society, that both Cottrell Park's championship courses, the Mackintosh and the Button Gwinnett, were filled to capacity.

On course refreshments, kindly donated by Marks and Spencer and Spar, were supplemented with superb cakes baked by the

ladies section and by Cottrell Park's excellent clubhouse facilities.

Competitors could also take part in a putting competition, supervised by the juniors section, with prizes provided by the Cophorne Hotel chain and HSBC Bank.

The competition on the Button Course was won by Newport Golf Club's Ken Hodges with an excellent 40 points, and the Mackintosh competition went to Cottrell Park's own Trevor Wooding, who carded a stunning 42.

Commenting on a successful day, Cottrell Park Seniors captain Alan Crossley, said: "We were very lucky with the weather and everyone had an enjoyable day. We were proud to receive so many appre-

ciative comments from our 222 visitors.

"Grateful thanks are due to the club staff and the club's men's, ladies' and junior sections who, together with senior society members, gave tremendous support to all aspects of this major event."

The full results were: Button competition – winner – Ken Hodges (Newport), 40 points; runner-up Chris Stanlake (Cottrell Park), 40; third Viv Helyar (Cottrell Park), 39; fourth Iain Ross (Cottrell Park), 39.

Longest drive – John Webb (Pennard). Nearest the pin (16th hole) G Davies (Carmarthen); nearest the pin (2nd hole) John Richardson (Pennard).

Mackintosh competition – winner Trevor Wooding (Cottrell Park),

42 points; runner-up Mike Watkins (Pontypridd), 39; third Alan Richards (Pontypridd), 38; fourth Roger Evans (Cottrell Park), 38.

Longest drive – Alan Richards (Pontypridd). Nearest the pin (8th) J Spurry (Monmouth); nearest pin (15th) Mike Dew (Machynys).

Button putting competition – winner: Dennis Pewtner (Peterston Lakes).

Mackintosh putting competition – winner: Brian Pritchard (Cottrell Park).

In addition, all putting competitors entered a prize draw and the winners were Jim Hill of Pontypridd and Tony Johns of Cottrell Park. JFC

The new chairman is named at Dinas Powys football club

DINAS POWYS Football Club held its AGM recently when club chairman Vince Driscoll stepped down and Gareth Musgrove took his place in the hot seat.

Gareth managed the under-18 youth side last season, and has managed a number of sides over the last 10 years. He looks forward to taking the club forward with a greater emphasis on strengthening the infrastructure and facilities, and reinforcing the links to the junior section.

Vince Driscoll, who was a founder member in the early 1970s, was made a life president for his service to the club and will continue on the committee.

Dave Jose was elected



vice-chairman and Nicole Fowler treasurer, while the position of club secretary remains open.

Jan Cunningham continues in her successful role as commercial manager.

The junior section of the club continues to go from strength to strength under the leadership of chairman Ray Davies; Brian Lewis continues in his role of junior secre-

tary, while Alan Bagshaw joins as junior treasurer.

Last, but certainly not least, Sue Marks continues in her all-important role as child welfare officer.

With ladies team manager Lee Saunders stepping down, the club is currently looking for somebody to take over that role.

Last season they finished joint top of the Ladies League as well as

Jamie Baulch (second from right) has helped with speed work at the club.

winning a prestigious tournament.

Recently, former World 400m Indoor champion Jamie Baulch has been taking speed training at Bryn Y Don with the senior squad in the run-up to the start of the season.

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